

# OHIO FARM REPORT



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## EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during December, 2005, totaled 669 million eggs; up 9 percent from last month and up 3 percent compared with a year earlier when production for December, 2004 totaled 647 million eggs. During December, there were 29.0 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,304 eggs per 100 layers, or 74.3 percent. There were 4.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on January 1, 2006, and 16.5 percent of the layers in Ohio having completed a forced molt as of January 1, 2006. In all egg-producing states on January 1, 2006, 4.3 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 22.9 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.79 billion during December 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.70 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The number of layers during December 2005 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,237 eggs, up slightly from December 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2006, totaled 349 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.6 million layers

producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.74 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2006, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2005 totaled 36.2 million, down 3 percent from December 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.5 million on January 1, 2006 up 3 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 248,000 during December 2005, up 6 percent from December 2004.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2005 totaled 808 million, up 2 percent from December 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 661 million on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2006, in the United States totaled 29.6 million, up 6 percent from January 1, 2005. Eggs in incubators were 4 percent above the December 1, 2005 total of 28.5 million.

### DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated <sup>1/</sup>	
	2004	2005		2005	2004	2005	2004
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,839	29,037	2,304	647	669	647	669
U.S.	345,960	348,300	2,237	7,728	7,791	7,728	7,791

1/ Accumulation period began December of previous year.

### CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed <sup>1/</sup>		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Dec.	37,332	36,224	97	793,090	807,848	102	22,230	23,672	106
Jan-Dec.	437,304	436,339	100	9,333,251	9,472,888	101	86,536	89,669	104

1/ Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

### EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JANUARY 1, 2005 and 2006

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
East North Central <sup>1/</sup>	7,623	7,036	92	8,980	9,413	105	4,469	4,616	103
United States	34,456	35,547	103	650,680	660,613	102	27,994	29,631	106

1/ Not available by States.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, OHIO AND U.S., 2003-2005 <sup>1/</sup>

Year & Economic Class <sup>2/</sup>	Ohio			United States		
	Number of farms	Average size of farms	Land in farms	Number of farms	Average size of farm	Land in farms
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres
<b>2003</b>						
\$1,000-9,999	44,900	62	2,800	1,199,270	104	124,770
\$10,000-99,999	23,400	192	4,500	600,540	450	270,055
\$100,000 & over	9,300	785	7,300	327,050	1,663	543,825
Total	77,600	188	14,600	2,126,860	441	938,650
<b>2004</b>						
\$1,000-9,999	44,000	59	2,600	1,181,190	102	120,890
\$10,000-99,999	23,700	190	4,500	599,280	445	266,600
\$100,000 & over	9,500	779	7,400	332,500	1,651	548,805
Total	77,200	188	14,500	2,112,970	443	936,295
<b>2005</b>						
\$1,000-9,999	43,400	58	2,500	1,168,220	101	118,350
\$10,000-99,999	23,600	189	4,450	596,440	437	260,705
\$100,000 & over	9,500	774	7,350	336,330	1,648	554,345
Total	76,500	187	14,300	2,100,990	444	933,400

1/ A farm is an establishment that, as of June 1, sold or would normally have sold \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the year. 2/ Based on gross sales.

## TURKEYS RAISED IN 2005 DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM 2004

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 totaled 256 million birds, down 3 percent from the 263 million raised in 2004. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 44.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 36.0 million, Arkansas with 29.0 million, Virginia with 21.0 million, Missouri with 20.5 million, California with 14.9 million, and Indiana with 13.4 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005.

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2006. These states produced over 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2005. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2005 are as follows: Minnesota down 2 percent, North Carolina up 6 percent, Arkansas up 7 percent, Virginia up 7 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California down 1 percent, and Indiana up 4 percent.

## TURKEYS RAISED 2004 AND 2005 AND INTENTIONS TO RAISE 2006

State	Number Raised		2005 as % of 2004	Intentions to Raise	
				Number	2006 as % of 2005
	2004	2005		2006	2005
	Thousand		Percent	Thousand	Percent
Arkansas	28,500	29,000	102	31,000	107
California	15,700	14,900	95	14,700	99
Indiana	13,300	13,400	101	14,000	104
Minnesota	45,500	44,500	98	43,500	98
Missouri	21,500	20,500	95	21,500	105
N. Carolina	39,000	36,000	92	28,000	106
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>100</b>
Virginia	19,700	21,000	107	22,500	107
<b>U.S. Total</b>	263,207	256,270	97	265,500 <sup>1/</sup>	104

1/ Total intentions for 23 major States.

## DECEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during December 2005 was 396 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during December 2005 was 273 thousand, 7 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,450 pounds, was unchanged from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from December 2004. November revised

production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from November 2004. The November revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for December, 55 pounds above December 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 67,000 head more than December 2004, and 4,000 head more than November 2005.

### NOVEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream Hard	1,410	1,404	100	59,116	61,809	105

### DECEMBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cows on farm <sup>1/</sup>			Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>			2005 as % of 2004
	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005 *	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005 *	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. 2005 *	Dec. 2005	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,741	1,770	1,770	1,775	1,725	1,795	3,090	3,053	3,177	103
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>103</b>
Wisconsin	1,236	1,238	1,239	1,490	1,485	1,555	1,842	1,838	1,927	105
23 State Total	8,097	8,160	8,164	1,610	1,590	1,665	13,037	12,974	13,592	104

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. \*Revised.

## OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 8 PERCENT U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during December 2005 totaled 25.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year earlier. Total liveweight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 9.1 million pounds, up slightly; calves, 1.5 million pounds, down 42 percent; hogs, 27.0 million pounds, down 6 percent; sheep & lambs, 89 thousand pounds, up 9 percent from last year. December 2005 contained 22 weekdays, including 1 holiday, and 5 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in December 2004.

Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 1 percent from December 2004. The average live weight was up

13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.5 million pounds, 9 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,100 head, down 19 percent from December 2004. The average live weight was 36 pounds above last year, at 370 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, slightly below December 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.5 million pounds, was down 3 percent from December 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 231,000 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from December a year ago.

### DECEMBER COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	Number of Head					
Cattle	8.2	8.1	99	2,690.3	2,665.9	99
Calves	6.4	3.7	58	74.6	60.1	81
Hogs	103.5	96.5	93	9,249.9	9,233.3	100
Sheep & Lambs	.7	.8	114	242.1	231.0	95
	Average live weight (lbs)					
Cattle	1,110	1,115	100	1,268	1,281	101
Calves	402	399	99	334	370	111
Hogs	277	280	101	270	272	101
Sheep & lambs	114	105	92	140	143	102
	Total live weight (000 lbs)					
Cattle	9,051	9,080	100	3,410,332	3,413,978	100
Calves	2,559	1,477	58	24,883	22,249	89
Hogs	28,645	27,036	94	2,496,228	2,510,190	101
Sheep & Lambs	82	89	109	33,816	32,931	97

## U.S. COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for cheese, chicken, frozen vegetables and eggs.

Butter stocks were down 6 percent from last month, but up 27 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were slightly below last month and down 10 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 2 percent from last month and down 11 percent from

the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 67 percent from last month, but down 15 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on December 31, 2005 were up 5 percent from the previous month and up 12 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 5 percent from the previous month and up 28 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 4 percent from last month, but down 30 percent from December 31, 2004.

### U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE DECEMBER 31, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Dec 31, 2004	Nov 30, 2005	Dec 31, 2005	December 31, 2005 as percent of	
				12/31/04	11/30/05
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	44,988	60,430	57,060	127	94
Cheese, Total Natural	705,790	716,780	731,004	104	102
Eggs, Frozen	19,112	17,601	21,019	110	119
Fruits, Frozen	1,093,884	1,132,593	1,065,734	97	94
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,761,439	1,300,401	1,338,888	76	103
Meats, Total Red	979,037	888,195	883,806	90	100
Beef, Total Frozen	484,276	429,824	433,768	90	101
Pork, Total Frozen	482,852	437,461	427,709	89	98
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,005,200	1,074,744	1,124,944	112	105
Chicken	716,180	876,687	919,888	128	105
Turkeys	288,357	195,177	202,456	70	104
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,218,098	2,461,094	2,238,067	101	91
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,074,819	1,122,465	1,046,778	97	93

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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